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Title: AN AUTOMATIC METHOD OF CLASSIFYING MOLECULES

RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Response is filed in response to the Election Requirement dated September 22, 2003 issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified Application. A response to the September 22, 2003 Office Action was due October 22, 2003. Applicants are concurrently filing a Petition for a FIVE-Month Extension of Time, including the required fee. Therefore, a response is due March 22, 2004. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

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Applicants elect to prosecute claims 11-13, 17-18 and 21, drawn to proteins and peptides.

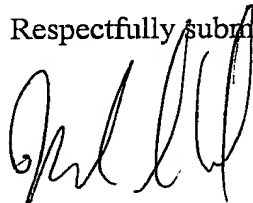
Claims 14-16 and 19-20 drawn to nucleic acids, RNA, DNA, polynucleotides, glycoproteins and complex sugars, are withdrawn at this time.

The Examiner noted claims 1-10 and 22-27 to be generic.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments as to this response, the undersigned may be contacted at the address and telephone number below.

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